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SUBJECT: HONECKER RECEIVED SOVIET FIRST DEPUTY DEFENSE  
MINISTER

REF: BERLIN 5746

1. EAST BERLIN NEWSPAPERS REPORT MAY 9 THAT GDR CHIEF OF  
STATE HONECKER RECEIVED MARSHAL NICOLAI OGARKOV, SOVIET  
FIRST DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER ON MAY 7. OTHER PARTICIPANTS  
IN THE MEETING WERE GENERAL HOFFMAN, GDR DEFENSE MINISTER,  
COLONEL KESSLER, NVA CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL IVANOWSKI,  
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COMMANDER OF SOVIET FORCES IN GERMANY AND PYOTR ABRASSIMOV,  
SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN EAST BERLIN. DURING THE MEETING,  
QUESTIONS RELATED TO A " FURTHER DEEPENING OF DEFENSE  
COOPERATION WERE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED.

2. COMMENT: OGARKOV'S VISIT OCCURRED ABOUT  
THREE WEEKS AFTER THE VISIT OF SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER

USTINOV TO EAST BERLIN ( REFTEL). IT ALSO HAPPENED  
TOWARD THE END OF THE 1977 ROTATION BY AIR OF A PART  
OF THE SOVIET FORCES IN GERMANY AND THE REPORTED  
CALL-UP OF EAST GERMAN RESERVISTS ON MAY 6 WHICH WE  
HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM. WE SPECULATE THAT BOTH  
OF THESE SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED DURING THE HONECKER-  
OGARKOV MEETING, IN THE CONTEXT HOWEVER OF BROADER  
DEFENSE MATTERS AS IMPLIED BY THE NEWSPAPER STORIES.  
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